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YAZOO DISTRICT GETS READY FOR CENSUS

YAZOO CITY, Miss., Oct. 17. (Sp.)—R. R. Norquist, county attorney, resigned recently before the end of his term to take the position of supervisor of the census in this district, which is composed of Yazoo, Hinds, Rankin, Madison and Warren counties, is rapidly perfecting his organization for the census work, which begins on Jan. 1. The last week in this month examinations are to be held in the counties of the district for the appointment of census enumerators. Preference in being given competent ex-soldiers, sailors and marines, and though the pay has not been definitely fixed, it is understood that it is to be sufficient to warrant the application of good men for the positions. The place and hour of the examinations is to be announced by Mr. Norquist at a later date.

Government restrictions as to the men employed, Mr. Norquist says, are that they be between the ages of 18 and 35 years old, and so far as possible, reside within and be familiar with the territory they will be required to cover. They are to make application to the supervisor in their own handwriting, indorsed by two representative business men of the district. They will also be required to pass a test prescribed by the director of the census, which is of a practical character and includes the filling out of a sample schedule of population from the data furnished in case of rural enumerators, they will fill sample schedules of agriculture, but in both

ALCORN COUNTY FAIR IS GREAT SUCCESS

CORINTH, Miss., Oct. 17. (Sp.)—The county fair which has been held at the rooms of the county farm and home economic demonstrators in the courthouse Wednesday and Thursday of this week brought to the county seat some most creditable exhibits. The poultry and canned vegetables were of exceptional merit, and had the weather permitted there would have been a tremendous showing of this character of products.

In the domestic science department there were a number of excellent exhibits, one deserving of special mention being a green sweater and cap to match, with white trimmings, which was the work of Miss Effie Jokey. A number of fine hogs were brought in for the first co-operative shipment, and are being held here for the arrival of a sufficient number to make up the carload.

W. T. Pollard, demonstration agent of Tipton county, is judging the poultry exhibits, while Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Bedenbaugh, demonstration agents of Prentiss county, are judging the other exhibits.

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VON TIRPITZ STORY OF GERMAN DEFEAT

(Continued From Previous Issue.)

These notes in the form of a diary and the letters from which extracts are taken, were always jotted down by me late in the evening or just before the courier bag left. Therefore I must not be pained down by any occasional inconsistencies of numbers of expressions. I never thought of publishing them, especially the letters. They are my thoughts about things just as they occurred to me at the time.

If, after the breakdown of our country, I have decided on a partial publication, it is because these notes, illustrating the past, form a most important auxiliary of my memoirs and because above all they show that the views expressed were not formed after the war, but in all essential points are in conformity with my judgment during the course of the war.

Coblenz, Aug. 21, 1914.
How much for myself I could wish that I had not lived to see this war. Still can not understand how it was that we could find no modus vivendi with Russia. According to today's news the Balkan states are slack again. Shall we succeed in raising the world which has been spun around us?

Coblenz, Aug. 22, 1914. It is hard to sit here comparatively inactive while the world is in flames. The victory of the crown prince of Bavaria was the cause of great rejoicing here, all the more because further consequences may be expected. We, the navy, can do no more just now, and that makes our position terrible. The English fleet remains in its harbors, but exerts its vast influence as a "fleet in being." Such a thing is rarely understood in Germany. They mean to crush us by hunger and paralyzing our economy. It is a strange situation, the Baltic and the North sea free, and we gagged. For the moment the navy has the upper hand. How will it be later?

(Editor's Note.—Von Tirpitz here recognizes a principle of the American Admiral Mahan, world naval authority. Mahan contended that control of the sea was necessary for the victory of any nation which was not absolutely self-supporting, no matter how complete might be her victories on land. He contended that so long as the navy of one belligerent was in existence or free to move, its opponent did not have control of the sea.)

Fears Polo Playing English.

Coblenz, Aug. 23, 1914.—I can not bring myself to the spirit of rejoicing in the news of victory. It is to be hoped that our press will be reserved in its comment. As yet there has been nothing to be sure, in a fight south of Metz we took 150 cannons out of our people do not yet understand that the greatest danger, the polo playing English, still remains. It is a mistake to hold them in contempt. England has been our natural enemy since the Sedan.

I tremble for Germany, to whom I never gave credit for so much force and grim determination. But there is too much to be deplored in our leadership. Coblenz, Aug. 24, 1914.—Our military reports are no longer threatening. The army has till now achieved unheard-of successes. It is possible, though not very probable, that the war will sooner be at an end than the fighting. Only England blocks the way. The strength of the French army is already almost broken. It now depends on the fighting in the north. Since this morning our troops (Brandenburgers) I hope have been fighting with two English divisions.

(Editor's Note.—On this date Namur was occupied, followed by the capture of Brussels, Aug. 20, and the occupation of Liege, Aug. 9, thus completely blocking the English advance to the German naval bases.)

My heart is heavy. You will help me bear it should the time come when they point at me with the finger of scorn. Inwardly, however, I am quite sure that on the fleet question I took the right stand, and the only way the lie for Germany if our folk were not to decline.

(Editor's Note.—Von Tirpitz is here writing to his wife. He apparently refers to the belief held by many in Germany that England was the enemy merely because the German fleet existed and was growing. The German mind seems absolutely incapable of grasping the fact that England or any other nation would go to war for principle, or for any other reason than to aggrandize their power or wealth.)

Coblenz, Aug. 25, 1914.—(To my wife.) I am not alarmed by our reverses in the west. They were to be expected. To be sure, in the beginning our leadership there was not altogether first class. The crown prince has a very hard time of it. The French fight well, we ought not to crow too soon.

Failed to Out-Off French.

Coblenz, Aug. 27.—(To my wife.) Here everyone is hopeful, although the great order by the French leaders has destroyed the hope of cutting off a large part of the French army. The English are also retreating, and the cavalry are at their heels. They say the French are suffering from hunger. The forced marches of the Pomeranians and Brandenburgers have been tremendous.

Yesterday evening on the Rhine promenade I met King Ludwig, who held out both hands to me. Spent the evening with the emperor, who was in high spirits, especially about the achievements of his sons.

The enormous odds there are cause for anxiety. I can not rejoice in our victories. Things are beginning to look up in view of the defeat of the French. This will not suffice.

Coblenz, Aug. 29.—(To my wife.) I too, have no hope that Wolf (Von Tirpitz's son, officer of the war-honored 60th regiment) may be among the survivors of the Mainz (sink in the Hellgoland battle). Circumstances were too unfavorable for him. The small cruisers went forward recklessly. But apart from that, I feel very bitterly that the ships were not properly used. The evening with the emperor, who was in high spirits, especially about the achievements of his sons.

Today must decide things in Prussia. I have no words adequate for the news that Wolf was saved. We must all bear the burden for our country. But it seems so particularly bitter to me because the sacrifices of our small cruisers was unnecessary.

Luxemburg, Sept. 4, 1914.—The great offensive wave which rolled over France and Belgium, slackened speed and is difficult to forestall the end. I have just heard that the main army of the Austrians has not fought well. This is very bad because of its influence on the Balkans. They are beside themselves in the general headquarters. The English are making gigantic efforts and are, in my opinion, our most dangerous opponents.

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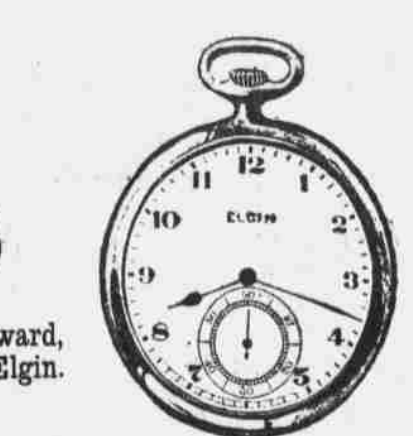
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Consternation Over Reverses.

The general staff seems to be of the opinion that the French have been less successful in the war as a whole. We ought to have been less humiliated as only so could we foster and preserve that tenacity which alone can help us to a final triumph. The most difficult days are before us.

Belief in our reverses and casualty is spreading in all countries, and we have not yet succeeded in the war. The situation is becoming difficult for the army. As we have not yet succeeded in the war, we are circling and taking prisoner great masses of troops, the French army, through the network of railways can always move and confront us in new positions.

(Editor's Note.—Ludendorff also speaks of the value of the French railway system in enabling the allies to confront him anywhere at any point with large masses of troops.)

The English, through energetic efforts have again landed 40,000 to 60,000 men in the north. It was hoped that Maubeuge would soon fall and the besieging army corps there be set free. This was a vital blow. A single army corps has already become of great moment.

(Editor's Note: At this time the battle of the Marne was in progress. In this engagement the Germans reached the extreme point of their advance, but were driven back by the French from the Marne to the Aisne.)

In spite of the fact that the promises the Turks have not begun to fight. Feeling in Scandinavia has become more and more unfavorable to Italy can be said to fly at our throats.

Luxemburg, Sept. 8, 1914.—Today I had a long talk with Lieut.-Gen. Oldenbourg, the civil aide-de-camp of the crown prince, who was sent to me by his highest command to see if I could not be of any use in the situation. The only hope for us is to see the English. It is going to be terribly difficult.

against Germany, all would have been well. Luxemburg, Sept. 10, 1914.—Things do not go forward in Turkey. Part of the blame lies with those who will not see the danger as to the fate of the Dardanelles. Such bickering is incomprehensible.

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This morning I motored to a woods and strolled through it for hours. The forests here, neglected from a forestry standpoint, are all the more picturesque. On the whole, Luxemburg seems to be an extremely lovely land. The constant straining of all energies and military service in Germany have born excellent fruit.

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French commander-in-chief seems man, every inch of him. As regards opinion here it seems that we would have done better if we allowed the troops a short breathing space. Meanwhile, as we are withdrawing our troops, there has been another attack, especially strong by English, and there is great anxiety to whether our reinforcements will come up in time.

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